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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR. FAZIO,  
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER, MR. FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION CIA REP,  
TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED]

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DATE: 24 NOVEMBER 1974

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA SITUATION REPORT

REFERENCE: VARIOUS PRESS

THE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING OF THE EXECUTION OF 62 OFFICIALS OF THE FORMER AND PRESENT REGIMES BY FIRING SQUAD IN ADDIS ABABA INDICATES THAT THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE RADICALS AND MODERATES ON THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL HAS FINALLY COME TO A HEAD, WITH THE RADICALS DELIVERING A STRONG INITIAL BLOW.4

THE ANNOUNCED EXECUTIONS RANGED FROM OFFICIALS OF FORMER  
EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE'S REGIME<sup>M</sup> TO LT. GENERAL AMAN ANDOM WHO WAS  
REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME MILITARY  
COUNCIL LAST NIGHT. IN ADDITION TO AMAN, SOME OF THE BETTER KNOWN  
WERE FORMER PRIME MINISTERS ENDALKACHEW MAKONNEN AND AKLILU HABTE  
WOLD, AND HAILE SELASSIE'S GRANDSON ADMIRAL ISKENDER DESTA, WHO  
HAD COMMANDED THE ETHIOPIAN NAVY UNTIL FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR.4

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USE OF THE DEATH PENALTY HAS BEEN A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE ON THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, CAUSING EXTENSIVE, BITTER DEBATE, BUT THE COUNCIL AGREED TO ALLOW MILITARY TRIBUNALS TO IMPOSE IT LAST WEEK. THE SUDDENNESS OF THIS MORNING'S EXECUTIONS, HOWEVER, RAISES THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAD THE APPROVAL OF THE FULL MILITARY COUNCIL OR WERE TAKEN ALONE ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, WHO HAVE BEEN PUSHING FOR A MILITANT, SOCIALIST POLICY LINE. IF THE LATTER IS THE CASE, A COUNTER MOVE COULD OCCUR BY THOSE IN OPPOSITION TO THE EXECUTIONS. ■

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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAM--316TH DIVISION SHIFTING

REF : [REDACTED] 25X1D1a

TWO REGIMENTS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE 316TH INFANTRY  
DIVISION--THE 88TH AND THE 148TH--ARE ABOUT TO RELOCATE WITHIN  
NORTH VIETNAM. THE DIVISION HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION  
ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN NGHE AN PROVINCE, AND THE MOVES  
PROBABLY ARE RELATED TO THIS EFFORT. THE 316TH DIVISION  
GIVES NO SIGNS OF MOVING OUT OF NORTH VIETNAM [REDACTED]

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